

SOS SAVE OUR WILDLIFE

SAVING HEDGEHOGS

HEDGEHOGS ARE IN TROUBLE

HEDGEHOGS NEED YOUR HELP

Hedgehog populations are in drastic decline.

More than 50,000 are killed each year on Britain's roads.

Hedgehogs are also killed in strimming and mowing incidents.

Hedgehogs die when eating slugs which have been poisoned with slug pellets.



HOW YOU CAN HELP MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Drive slowly after dark and early morning and check for hedgehogs on the road, verges and pavements.

Always check long grass and under bushes/shrubs before mowing/strimming.

Check your garden for hedgehogs before letting dogs out after dark.

Put out a shallow dish of fresh water in a secluded part of your garden especially during dry spells.

Check leaf piles and wood piles before burning.

Leave a small space under your fence so that gardens are linked to allow hedgehogs to travel safely.

For details please refer to www.hedgehogstreet.org/help-hedgehogs

DON'T use slug pellets or poisons. Alternatives are sand, wood chips, gravel or thorny twigs.

NEVER feed Hedgehogs milk.

Avoid nuts, seeds, dried fruit, mealworms, bread, cakes and biscuits.

You can feed meat based dog/cat food (pate/jelly not gravy or fish based), dried hedgehog food (available online or from RSPB) or crushed cat biscuits.

If you find a sick, injured, or tiny Hedgehog, or a Hedgehog wandering about during day time please call the SSPCA immediately on 03000 999 999

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SAVING BIRDS, BEES and BUTTERFLIES

MANY OF BRITAIN'S BIRD SPECIES ARE IN DECLINE

BEES and BUTTERFLIES ARE ALSO IN TROUBLE

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Your garden can be a miniature nature reserve.

HELPING BIRDS

Keep cats in overnight during the Bird nesting season (March - August).

Put out a shallow tray (bird bath) of fresh water for drinking and bathing.

Feed quality seeds and nuts over winter (try to keep feeders clean), also mild grated cheese, soaked dried fruit / fruit cake, unsalted hard fats, pastry raw or cooked, cold potatoes, apples and pears. Note (dried fruit can be harmful to dogs and cats).

Plant bushes which have berries, plant thick shrubs and hedging and leave some of your garden wild.

DON'T feed bread or anything salty or sticky.

DON'T cut back hedges and shrubs during the Bird nesting season (March - August).

HELPING BEES

Plant Lavender, Delphiniums, Foxgloves

Poppy and Wallflower.

HELPING BUTTERFLIES

Plant a purple Buddlea (Butterfly bush)

Cosmos, Alysum, Aster and Nasturtium.

